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APPENDIX G TO PART 323—PRIVACY ACT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

- A. Administrative Remedies. Any individual who feels he or she has a legitimate complaint or grievance against the Defense Logistics Agency or any DLA employee concerning any right granted by this DLAR will be permitted to seek relief through appropriate administrative channels.
- B. Civil Actions. An individual may file a civil suit against DLA or its employees if the individual feels certain provisions of the Privacy Act have been violated (see 5 U.S.C. 552a(g), reference (b).)
- C. Civil Remedies. In addition to specific remedial actions, the Privacy Act provides for the payment of damages, court cost, and attorney fees in some cases.
 - D. Criminal Penalties-
- 1. The Privacy Act also provides for criminal penalties (see 5 U.S.C. 552a(1).) Any official or employee may be found guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000 if he or she willfully discloses personal information to anyone not entitled to receive the information, or maintains a system of records without publishing the required public notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER.
- 2. A person who requests or obtains access to any record concerning another individual under false pretenses may be found guilty of a misdemeanor and fined up to \$5,000.

APPENDIX H TO PART 323—DLA EXEMPTION RULES

Exempted Records Systems. All systems of records maintained by the Defense Logistics Agency will be exempt from the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552a(d) pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(1) to the extent that the system contains any information properly classified under Executive Order 12958 and which is required by the Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. This exemption, which may be applicable to parts of all systems of records, is necessary because certain record systems not otherwise specifically designated for exemptions herein may contain isolated items of information which have been properly classified.

a. ID: S500.10 (Specific exemption).

- 1. System name: Personnel Security Files.
- 2. Exemption: Investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment, Federal contracts, or access to classified information may be exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5), but only to the extent that such material would reveal the identity of a confidential source. Therefore, portions of this system may be exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

552a(k)(5) from the following subsections of 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), and (e)(1).

- 3. Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5).
- 4. Reasons: (i) From subsection (c)(3) and (d) when access to accounting disclosures and access to or amendment of records would cause the identity of a confidential source to be revealed. Disclosure of the source's identity not only will result in the Department breaching the promise of confidentiality made to the source but it will impair the Department's future ability to compile investigatory material for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment, Federal contracts, or access to classified information. Unless sources can be assured that a promise of confidentiality will be honored, they will be less likely to provide information considered essential to the Department in making the required determinations.
- (ii) From (e)(1) because in the collection of information for investigatory purposes, it is not always possible to determine the relevance and necessity of particular information in the early stages of the investigation. In some cases, it is only after the information is evaluated in light of other information that its relevance and necessity becomes clear. Such information permits more informed decision-making by the Department when making required suitability, eligibility, and qualification determinations.

b. ID: S500.20 DLA-I (Specific exemption).

- $1. \ \, \textit{System name:} \ \, \text{Criminal Incident/Investigations File.}$
- 2. Exemption: This system of records is exempted from the following provisions of the Title 5, United States Code, section 552a: (c)(3); (d); and (e)(1).
- 3. Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2).
- 4. Reasons: Granting individuals access to information collected and maintained by this component relating to the enforcement of criminal laws could interfere with orderly investigations, with the orderly administration of justice, and possibly enable suspects to avoid detection or apprehension. Disclosure of this information could result in the concealment, destruction or fabrication of evidence and jeopardize the safety and well being of informants, witnesses and their families, and law enforcement personnel and their families. Disclosure of this information could also reveal and render ineffectual investigative techniques, sources and methods used by this component and could result in the invasion of privacy of individuals only incidentally related to an investigation. Investigatory material is exempt to the extent that the disclosure of such material would reveal the identity of a source who furnished the information to the Government under an express promise that the identity of the source would be held in confidence, or prior